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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR VANCE SURVEYS HONG KONG NARCOTICS PREVENTION

1. DURING NOVEMBER 29 STOPOVER IN HONG KONG, AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL, WAS GIVEN CONFIDENT ACCOUNT OF LOCAL CONTROL EFFORTS. AMBASSADOR CONFERRED WITH TOP HKG OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AND VISITED PRIVATE TREATMENT CENTERS.

2. HKG OFFICIALS EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR VANCE THEIR ENTHUSIASM OVER APPARENT SUCCESS OF CURRENT LOCAL EFFORTS WHICH THEY BELIEVE WILL RESULT IN GRADUAL REDUCTION OF HONG KONG'S ROLE AS MAJOR NARCOTICS CENTER. THEY STRESSED COLLATERAL BENEFITS TO THE U.S. TO BE DERIVED FROM SUCCESSFUL HKG EFFORTS. THEY DID NOT ASK FOR ANY USG ASSISTANCE.

3. HONG KONG NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER NORMAN ROLPH INDICATED AWARENESS THAT ANY HONG KONG SUCCESS IS, OF COURSE, LINKED TO CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL EFFORT.

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IN THIS REGARD, HE REITERATED HIS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEW

THAT ONE OF NEXT IMPORTANT STEPS IS AN INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES WITH REGIONAL FOCUS ON OPIUM  
PRODUCTION IN THAI-LAOTIAN-BURMESE "GOLDEN TRIANGLE."  
HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO SOUND OUT THE  
POSSIBILITY OF PRC PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL NARCOTICS  
CONTROL EFFORTS.

4. AMBASSADOR VANCE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO HKG AUTHORITIES'  
VIEWS, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HIS VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF FACT-FINDING.  
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